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SUBJECT: U.S.-EGYPTIAN JOINT COOPERATION COMMISSION,  
MEDICAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP

PASS AMBASSADOR EILTS FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH  
CHARLES C. EDWARDS, M.D.

1. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HEAD THE U.S. SIDE  
OF THE MEDICAL COOPERATION WORKING GROUP. IN THIS  
CONNECTION, I MET WITH DR. AHMED K. MAZEN, DURING FOREIGN  
MINISTER FAHMI'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST MONTH, TO  
DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP.  
AT THAT TIME, I AGREED TO GO TO CAIRO FOR MEETINGS  
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23. EVENTS HAVE NOW OVERTAKEN  
US, AND I NOW FIND THAT I MUST BE HERE IN WASHINGTON  
THAT WEEK FOR MEETINGS LEADING UP TO THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT.

2. THE NEXT AVAILABLE TIME FOR ME TO BE IN CAIRO IS THE  
WEEK OF OCTOBER 28. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WILL  
CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES INCLUDING  
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DR. MAZEN TO ADVISE THEM OF THE NECESSITY FOR A CHANGE

IN MEETING DATES AND TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE SUITABILITY  
OF THE PROPOSED DATES, OCTOBER 28-31.

3. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE FULLY  
IN THE WORKING GROUP. I HAVE INVITED CAPTAIN MINER,  
COMMANDING OFFICER OF NAMRU III AND AID TO SERVE ON THE  
WORKING GROUP, AS WELL AS DR. S. PAUL EHRLICH, JR.,  
DIRECTOR OF MY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

4. AS AGREED WITH DR. MAZEN, I WILL BE BRINGING SEVERAL  
EXPERT ADVISERS WITH ME. THESE WILL BE DR. LLOYD  
TEPPER, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR SCIENCE, FDA; DR.  
HAROLD MARGULIES, ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, HEALTH  
RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND DR. JOHN MARSH, DEPUTY  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTH  
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. STATE/SCI WILL BE REPRESENTED  
BY DR. MARK BEAUBIEN AS PARTICIPANT-OBSERVER. MRS.  
EDWARDS WILL ACCOMPANY ME ALSO.

5. WE WOULD ARRIVE IN CAIRO ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 27. WHILE  
MRS. EDWARDS AND I WOULD PROBABLY DEPART ON FRIDAY,  
NOVEMBER 1, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF MY PARTY COULD REMAIN  
LONGER IF NECESSARY FOR MORE IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH  
THEIR EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS. A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE  
FORTHCOMING MEETING AND A DETAILED REPORT OF OUR  
MEETING WITH DR. MAZEN WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

6. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE.  
END EDWARDS MESSAGE.

7. EDWARDS HAS JUST RECEIVED PERSONAL TELEGRAM FROM  
MAZEN REQUESTING NAMES PARTICIPANTS, ARRIVAL TIMES,  
ETC. MAZEN NOT AWARE CHANGE IN DATES. PLEASE CONTACT  
HIM SOONEST. KISSINGER

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